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For: ELECTRON-EMITTING DEVICE,
ELECTRON SOURCE AND
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS,
AND MANUFACTURING
METHODS THEREOF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-U.S. Patent documents are also enclosed.

Listed U.S. Patent No. 6,626,719 issued from Application No. 08/781,206, which was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement in the present application.

Listed U.S. Patent No. 6,288,494 issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/513,842, which was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement in the present application.

Listed U.S. Patent No. 6,472,814 issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/191,342, which was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement in the present application.

Listed U.S. Patent No. 6,184,610 issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/690,964, which was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement in the present application.

Listed U.S. Patent No. 6,246,168 issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/508,931, which was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement in the present application.

Also, enclosed are copies of a Japanese Notification of Refusal Reason (and an English translation thereof) issued by the Japanese Patent Office on September 7, 2004 in related Japanese Application No. 2002-119052, and an Examiner Refusal Decision (and an English translation thereof) issued by the Korean Patent Office on March 19, 2003 in a Korean counterpart application.

The Notification of Refusal Reason cites JP Laid-Open Gazette H09-35620, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. For the concise statement of relevance of the Laid-Open Gazette, the Examiner is respectfully referred to its attached English

abstract, the English version of the Notification of Refusal Reason, and the following representation:

H09-35620 discloses an activation process wherein pulse voltages are applied to conductive films in an atmosphere of material gas such as S_iH_4 , $S_{i2}H_8$, CH_4 , C_2H_6 etc., containing hydrogen gas to deposit carbon, S_i and a composite thereof which form a highly crystallized film. H09-35620 states that high crystallization means high occupancy of graphite or fine particles of S_iC and the degree of the crystallization is measured by TEM, Raman, etc.

It is also noted that Japanese documents 7-235255, 8-273523, and 64-19657 are cited in the Examiner Refusal Decision, and were cited previously in Information Disclosure Statements in the present application. As a supplemental concise explanation of relevance of those documents, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the Examiner Refusal Decision (English version), and to the following representation.

Document 7-235255 discloses that deposits mainly comprising carbon is arranged in a gap of the conductive film by applying pulse voltages to the conductive film in an atmosphere containing carbon. The paragraph [0118] states that electrically disconnections are partially formed in the deposits.

Document 8-273523 discloses in Figs. 1 (g) and (h) that film 8 of carbon or carbon composite is formed at the end portion of conductive film 4 in a lower potential side or at the end portion of conductive film in a higher potential side.

Document 64-019657 discloses that an electron emission part is formed by flowing a current through a thin film with heating the thin film by locally irradiating a laser light or infrared light.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,626,719	9/03	Ono et al.	445	24	
	6,288,494	9/01	Tsukamoto et al.	315	169.1	
	6,472,814	10/02	Yamanobe	313	495	
	6,184,610	2/01	Shibata et al.	313	309	
	6,246,168	6/01	Kishi et al.	313	495	
	5,532,544	7/96	Yoshioka et al.	313	310	
	5,986,389	11/99	Tsukamoto	313	310	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	HO9-35620	2/97	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Fukano, Y., et al., *Scanning Force/Tunneling Microscopy as a Novel Technique for the Study of nanometer-Scale Dielectric Breakdown of Silicon Oxide Layer*, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. Vol. 32 (1993) pp. 290-293, Part 1, No 1B, January 1993

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